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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Interested Parties August 2004

FROM: Arnold H. Zudick, Director of Representation

RE: OPEN PERIOD FOR FILING REPRESENTATION PETITIONS

In 2004, the periods for the filing of timely representation petitions where there is a current agreement in effect are as follows:

1. Employees of the State of New Jersey, or any agency or subdivision thereof: a petition may be timely filed between 240 and 270 days prior to the expiration of the current agreement. This year, the period is Monday, October 4 through Wednesday, November 3, 2004 (inclusive), where the agreement expires June 30, 2005.
2. Employees of a county or municipality, or any agency or subdivision thereof: a petition may be timely filed between 90 and 120 days prior to the expiration of the current agreement. This year, the period is Thursday, September 2 through Friday, October 1,* 2004 (inclusive), where the agreement expires December 31, 2004.
3. Employees of a school district: a petition may be timely filed during the period between Wednesday, September 1 and Wednesday, October 15, 2004 (inclusive), within the last year of the agreement. This time period is also applicable to employees of county colleges.

Petitions filed with the Commission after the close of business on the final day of the open period will not be considered timely filed. All filings must be submitted to the Commission's Trenton office, and must include a signed original (not a photocopy) and four copies. An appropriate showing of interest, as defined by the Commission's Rules, must accompany the petition in order for the petition to be considered as effectively filed. We will not accept photocopies or facsimiles of signatures as a showing of interest.

"Contract expiration date" is the last effective date of the contract. A contract with a term of longer than 3 years will be treated as a 3-year agreement to determine filing times.

*Since the last day for filing falls on Saturday, October 2, we will accept filings ending Friday, October 1, 2004.